

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME FOR UNORGANISED SECTOR

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the social security scheme for workers in the unorganised sector launched in January 2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the statutory backing provided or proposed to be provided to the said scheme; and
- (c) the details of number of workers benefited and amount spent under the scheme as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The Government launched the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2004. The benefits included health insurance, personal accident insurance cover and old age pension. The scheme was not found viable and therefore it is being re-worked. One of the reasons was that it lacked statutory backing. The Government is working to enact 'Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2004' to provide for, among other things, social security measures having statutory backing for the unorganised sector workers in the country.

(c): About 3500 unorganised workers have been covered under the scheme. The Government of India contribution towards the scheme was Rs. one lakh for the year 2003-04.